



DENE KOE

A Fort McKay First Nation & Noralta Lodge Venture

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Fort McKay First Nation and Noralta Lodge Partnership Enters Long Term Lodging Agreement with Suncor

Dene Koe Workforce Lodging and Logistics, a Fort McKay First Nation and Noralta Lodge venture, is pleased to announce that through a competitive process, has been awarded a ten-year deal with Suncor as the exclusive provider of workforce accommodation for Suncor's Base Plant and MacKay River oilsands operations.

The Dene Koe - Suncor solution; coined "Project Olympus" for its scale and scope; is an innovative approach to housing Suncor's employees, contractors and guests based on a optimization strategy between Suncor, Fort McKay First Nation and Noralta Lodge. It provides Suncor with a cost effective premium product and logistical efficiencies, while providing increased economic opportunity for the Fort McKay First Nation.

Suncor's Hudson & Borealis Lodges will be transitioned into Noralta Lodge's regional inventory, which includes the Noralta Fort McMurray Village – a five lodge campus situated between Suncor's Base Plant and MacKay River projects. The unique geography of Noralta Lodge's inventory allows for this consolidated supply to meet the accommodations needs of both sites. Dene Koe already operates the Noralta Lodge Fort McMurray Village and takes over custodianship and management of Hudson and Borealis early this summer.

Currently, Suncor-owned lodges have multiple vendors providing various services including cleaning, food service, waste management, security and maintenance; this all-encompassing, streamlined offering delivers consolidation of a disparate inventory of producer-owned and third party facilities that will harmonize room utilization under a single, fully-integrated operator; Dene Koe. Guests will benefit from uninterrupted, consistent, high quality accommodation services and Suncor will have the accommodations it needs, when it needs them.

"This is a collaborative and revolutionary partnership," says Barrie Robb, CEO of Business Development for Fort McKay First Nation. "Suncor can focus on innovative energy development while simultaneously giving their employees top tier living conditions and services, provided by Dene Koe. This constitutes the largest deal in Fort McKay history, and we're thrilled to be expanding our successful working relationship with Noralta Lodge through it. We're extremely proud of the opportunities this relationship brings to the Fort McKay First Nation."

The move provides further evidence of a trend in the oil and gas industry of producers divesting their non-core businesses: "In this constrained financial environment, we're seeing our industry partners exiting businesses that aren't related to oil production and leveraging the expertise of specialists, like Dene Koe, to deliver these services," said Corey Smith, President & CEO, Noralta Lodge. "We've proven that we can give Suncor the supply and flexibility they need while meeting their financial requirements. This can all be accomplished without sacrificing quality - thanks to the tireless efforts of our team members - or community engagement."

About Dene Koe

Northern Leadership Meets Quality Lodging

Bringing together [Fort McKay First Nation](#)'s trusted relationship-driven approach to business and [Noralta Lodge](#)'s regional industry expertise, our team delivers unmatched hospitality and comfort.

Dene Koe offers reliable, high-value remote lodging services, business cooperation, and community engagement. Our model supports the longevity and sustainability of communities in the oil sands by ensuring long-term development that considers the interests of the community.